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SUBJECT: COMMERCE MINISTER DENNIS REPLACED, J. RUDOLPH JOHNSON
REVIVED

1. THE TOL ANNOUNCED ON MAY 11 THAT COMMERCE MINISTER WILLIAM E. DENNIS, JR. WAS RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES FOR ACTS OF MISFEASANCE. CHARGES HAD BEEN BROUGHT BY ONE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTERS (EITHER E. SUMO JONES OR JOHN F. SHERMAN) AND A PERSONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT REVEALED THAT DENNIS HAD CONDONED CERTAIN "IRREGULARITIES AND CORRUPT ACTS" BY HIS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE PATRICK FORTUNE AND HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REUBEN WHITTEMORE. ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT THANKED DENNIS FOR SERVICES RENDERED, HE NOTED THAT HE COULD NOT TOLERATE SUCH ACTS "ESPECIALLY IN THIS YEAR OF ECONOMY AND ACCOUNTABILITY."

2. DENNIS, SON OF THE LATE TRUE WHIG PARTY TREASURER, AND ONE OF THE YOUNGEST CABINET MINISTERS, HAS HAD SHAKY RELATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE MANSION FOR SOME TIME. COLLEAGUES IN THE CABINET (HE IS WEALTHY) AND HIS ARROGANCE HAS NOT ENDEARED HIM TO THEM. WHILE HE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MORE HARD WORKING MINISTERS, HE HAS NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY TO THIS EMBASSY.

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3. THE NEW COMMERCE MINISTER IS THE HONORABLE DAVID C. MOORE, REPRESENTATIVE FROM GRAND BASSA COUNTY. BIODATA WILL FOLLOW.

4. THE GOL ALSO ANNOUNCED ON MAY 11 THAT J. RUDOLPH JOHNSON WAS NAMED DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE WITHOUT PORTFOLIO. JOHNSON HAD BEEN DISMISSED AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE FOR REVENUE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1977, FOR CORRUPT PRACTICES,

SPECIFICALLY FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN AN AMPHETAMINE IMPORTATION
SCANDAL.
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